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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL
OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 28, 2009**

Dear Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Non-Final Office Action that was mailed on August 28, 2009. In the Office Action, the Examiner set a three-month period in which to respond. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time in which to respond and authorize payment of the requisite fee via the accompanying credit card authorization form.